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UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
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Attorney Docket No.

END-796

First Inventor: David A. Witt et al.

Title: CURVED CLAMP ARM TISSUE PAD ATTACHEMENT FOR USE WITH  
ULTRASONIC SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS

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1.53(b))

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP Chapter 600 concerning utility patent application  
contents.

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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
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2. ☐ Applicant claims small entity status.

3. ☒ Specification Total Pages: 33

(Preferred arrangement set forth below)

X Descriptive Title of the Invention

X Cross Reference to Related Applications

- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&D

- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a  
computer program listing appendix

X Background of the Invention

X Brief Summary of the Invention

X Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)

X Detailed Description

X Claim(s)

X Abstract of the Disclosure

4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) Total Sheets 15

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 3]

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b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)

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Signed statement attached deleting  
inventor(s) named in the prior application,  
see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or  
Computer Program (Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence  
Submission (if applicable, all necessary)

a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)

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i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or

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ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

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(when there is an assignee)

11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)

12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement

(IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment

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☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-Part (CIP) of prior application No.: 09/644,200 Filed on  
August 24, 2000 and 09/412,557 filed on October 5, 1999.

Prior application information: Examiner M. Thaler Group Art Unit: 3731

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